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CONFERENCE OF GOVERNMENTS.

We want our Government to call a conference of governments in 1893 to consider and report upon, 1. Harmonization of laws. 2. Arbitration measures. 3. An international Judicial Tribunal. Petitions will be prepared and circulated, the press will be enlisted and the churches asked to co-operate to secure the object. The President has already been requested by Congress to invite other nations to unite in arbitral measures. What we contemplate is a movement of Governments. The Pan-American Conference forms a precedent. A Bill must be passed and an adequate appropriation made.

A NAVY NOT ALWAYS A DEFENCE.

If a great navy can be taken care of by a great nation it is sometimes dangerous to small ones. The terrible civil war now waged by the Chilian Navy upon the government of that country illustrates our meaning. Cities are bombarded, commerce is prohibited and mutual murder among neighbors of the same nation flourishes. All this on account of the revolt of a navy purchased for the defence of the country, at an expense which nearly bankrupted Chili.

EDUCATION IN PEACE PRINCIPLES.

Herman Molkenboer of Bonn, Rhenish Prussia, has been instrumental in organizing and obtaining 2500 adherents to a scheme for the propagation of Peace principles among the young. It is called "The Permanent International Council of Education." His idea is to bring international unity into the whole domain of education. He would teach the young the causes and remedies of the war evil. His unique circular, received March 25, is hereby gratefully acknowledged and the scheme most heartily commended to teachers—especially those of public schools.

THE WORLD'S FAIR IN 1893.

Russia, Germany and Great Britain and many other countries have signified their purpose to accept President Harrison's invitation to the Columbian Exposition of 1893.

The several States of the Union are rivalling each other in appointing officers and making appropriations. Illinois gives a round million. The following foreigners have accepted honorary membership: England, Lord Chief-Justice Coleridge, Prof. Max Muller and Walter Besant. The name of the latter occasions some surprise and he may be the only one of those mentioned who will attend except by proxy, but many others, who represent learning, literature and science will attend.

FAST DAY SERVICES.

The Secretary preached by invitation to a good audience at the Congregational Church of Winchester, Mass., where union services were held on the State Fast Day, April 2. His topic was—"War a sin against human brotherhood." "Fasting is abstinence. A Fast Day was appointed by our fathers for the sake of emphasizing abstinence from sin, of which abstinence from food is a symbol. Hence a fast invited by the Government is a fit occasion to call attention to national and international sins, of which the war system is the expression and the result. Repentance is as obligatory upon nations as upon individuals. 'Put up thy sword' is addressed not only to Peter but to all his successors as believers in Christ."

ITALY.

From the *Secolo*, daily paper of Milan, Italy. We are indebted to "*Concord*" for the translation of these items.

"Signor Ottolonghi, of Milan, a well-known philanthropist of that city, has given 500 lire to the Peace Society.

"A large number of subscriptions have been lately received by the Milan Society, and the number of its adherents grows daily.

"The League of Peace (Turin) has sent to the Minister of Public Instruction a telegram of congratulation on his accession to power. The Minister, in his reply to Signor Arnaudon, says:— 'I shall think myself fortunate if, in exercising my official influence, I am enabled, while superintending the public instruction, to do anything which may render the realization of your aims less remote.'

"An excellent meeting was held on February 15th at Turin, where Professor Arnaudon gave an eloquent address upon educational influence as regarded Peace.

"Both the Co-operative and Popular Banks at Milan have sent donations to the Lombardy Union—(Peace Society).

"Signor Angelo de Gubernatis has written an excellent work on France ('La France, Lestures et Impressions'), in which he strives to clear away the distrust and controversy which of late years has arisen between France and Italy.

"On February 22nd, Captain Siccardi addressed a crowded Peace meeting at Turin.

" 'Italy's Peace Movement.' The writing of this excellent pamphlet is the most recent service rendered by Signor Angelo Mazzoleni to the Peace Movement. It first appeared in the pages of a review, '*Il Pensiero Italiano*,' and is now published separately. It costs one shilling (English currency), and can be had at the office of the *Secolo*."

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge of Ohio is to visit Europe in May and spend the entire season advocating the principles of peace. She hopes to remain till the meeting of the Universal Peace Congress at Rome in November, in which she will represent the Peace Department of the W. C. T. Union, Hannah J. Bailey, President.